

## NEWS RELEASE

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## SHAWNEE, KAN., MAN INDICTED FOR CREDIT CARD FRAUD

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Shawnee, Kan., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for credit card fraud.

**Brandon Lee Stevens**, 19, of Shawnee, Kan., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury today in Kansas City.

The three-count federal indictment alleges that **Stevens** fraudulently used three different credit card numbers belonging to two different individuals in order to receive things of an aggregate value equal to or exceeding \$3,000.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Stevens** fraudulently used another person's credit card between May 2, 2003, and June 1, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Stevens** fraudulently used another person's credit card between May 2, 2003, and June 1, 2003.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Stevens** fraudulently used another person's credit card between April 16, 2003, and June 3, 2003.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James Curt Bohling. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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